

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
 TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 4b
 Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
 May 10, 2016**

<i>Fisheries under consideration:</i>
Treaty Commercial spring Chinook Gillnet fishery

STOCK STATUS

- The stock status was presented in Fact Sheet #4a and in the January 27, 2016 Joint Staff Report.

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

- Under current forecast run size the allowed harvest rate under the *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement is 9.1% which equates to an allowed catch of 17,181.
- All four tribes will have finished their permit gillnet fisheries by the end of this week.
- The preliminary treaty harvest to date along with expectations for the platform and hook and line fisheries through June 15 are shown in the table below.

Fishery	Chinook	Steelhead
Winter Gillnet	0	0
Spring C&S Permit Gillnet (<i>Proj. through 5/14</i>)	8,100	25
Zone 6 Platform H&L (<i>through 5/7</i>)	1,270	25
Zone 5 H&L (<i>currently closed</i>)	1,400	35
Subtotal to date	10,770	85
Projected Z6 Platform H&L (<i>5/8 through 6/15</i>)	2,500	150
Grand Total	13,270	235
Allowed Catch (9.1% of 188,800)	17,181	na
Remaining (buffer for potential run size changes or higher than expected effort or catch)	3,911	

- All four tribes have decided that with the number of fish available this year that it is appropriate to allow their members to sell their catch in the Zone 6 platform and hook and line fisheries.
- Additionally, the Yakama Nation will allow commercial sales in their Zone 6 tributary fisheries during their regularly scheduled openings.
- At this time, the tribal fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam remain closed.

2016 Treaty Indian Zone 6 Commercial Platform and Hook and Line Fishery	
Season:	6:00 AM Monday May 16 through 11:59 PM Wednesday June 15, 2016.
Area:	All of Zone 6
Gear:	Hoop Nets/Bag Nets, Dip Nets, and rod and reel with hook and Line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence. Sales of fish are allowed after the open period concludes, as long as the fish were landed during the open period.
Sanctuaries:	Closed areas applicable to platform gear are in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.
Miscellaneous:	Quick reporting required for all Washington Fish Buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.14(d), and landings must be quick reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

- The expected catch in the proposed fishery is 3,900 Chinook along with 150 steelhead and possibly a very small number of sockeye.
- The Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery will be open for subsistence use in the summer and fall management periods and the tribes anticipate extending commercial sales of platform fish during these periods, but will bring these plans to the Compact at a later date.
- The Yakama Nation will allow commercial sale from Yakama Tributary Fisheries in the Wind River, Drano Lake, and the Klickitat River during their regularly scheduled openings.

2016 Yakama Nation Zone 6 Tributary Fisheries	
Season:	Beginning 6:00 AM Monday May 16 until further notice, and only during those days and hours when the tributaries listed below are open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.
Area:	Wind River, Drano Lake and Klickitat River
Gear:	Hoop Nets/Bag Nets, Dip Nets, and Rod and reel with hook and Line. Gillnets may only be used in Drano Lake.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence. Sales of fish are allowed after the open period concludes, as long as the fish were landed during the open period.
Miscellaneous:	Quick reporting required for all Washington Fish Buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.14(d), and landings must be quick reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.